

Abstract

The invention described herein represents a significant improvement in the art of headlights for vehicles. A first element is provided as a means for sensing the presence and location of other motor vehicles, said means for sensing connected to processing and light controlling circuitry such that the electrical current supplied to each element in an array of elements is individually controlled. The result is a headlight system which produces high beams in areas where no vehicle is present and concurrently produces low beams in areas where vehicles are present. In a first embodiment, individual light elements in array are individually controlled with regard to intensity to provide dim beam areas and high beam areas concurrently. In a second embodiment, individual electro-chromatic elements in array are individually controlled so as to provide a means to create dim beam areas and high beam areas concurrently. In a third embodiment, variable refractive segments in array are individually controlled to redirect beam portions such that high beam and dim beam areas are created concurrently. All embodiments maximize the areas receiving high beams for the benefit of the equipped vehicle driver while concurrently all areas with other drivers present receive low beams so as to minimize the glare for to betterment of other drivers.